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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 25-0143 – General Fund Appropriation Transfer – Service 122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to Department of Transportation – PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)) – \$1,000,000

Dear President and Members of the Council:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 25-0143 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides for a transfer of previously authorized and appropriated general funds for a new project in the amount of \$1,000,000 from Service 122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to the Department of Transportation – PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)). The bill is effective on the date it is enacted.

The City Charter permits transferring an appropriation in the Ordinance of Estimates from one entity to another so long as it is recommended by the Board of Estimates and approved by ordinance of the Mayor and City Council. City Charter, Art. VI, § 9(a)(2). With respect to new or different amounts for capital projects from those stated in the Ordinance of Estimates, these fund transfers may not be authorized by the Board of Estimates unless it has received and considered reports and recommendations from the Planning Commission and the Director of Finance. City Charter, Art. VI, § 9(a)(2). In conformance with the Charter, the bill states that the Board of Estimates recommended the transfer on December 3, 2025, and the Planning Commission recommended the transfer on November 20, 2025. Assuming the Finance Department has also recommended this transfer of funds, the Law Department can approve Council Bill 25-0143 for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Toth".

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